COMING EVENTS

Friday, 6th November
Transition Visit for Foundation students in 2016 (8.45am - 2.00pm)

Friday, 6th November - Monday, 16 November
Year 12 Exams continue

Monday, 9th November
Start of PE Week/Jump Rope for Heart/Recycling Week

Tuesday, 10th November
School Board Meeting at 7.00pm in Staffroom

Thursday, 12th November
Year 6 Camp

Monday, 16th November - 27th November
Chinese Trip

Wednesday, 18th November
Ready4School

Friday, 20th November
Transition Visit Years 8 - 12 (2016)

Wednesday, 25th November
Transition Visit for Years 1 - 7 (2016)

Friday, 27th November
Year 10 - 12 Final Day; F -12 End of Year Liturgy; 6 - 12 Award Ceremony

Monday, 30 November
Year 11 Transition Trip (Adelaide)

Wednesday, 2nd December
Christmas Evening

Friday, 4th December
F - 9 Final Day (Normal dismissal time)

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

“Beautiful indeed and of great importance is the vocation of all those who aid parents in fulfilling their duties and who, as representatives of the human community, undertake the task of education in schools. This vocation demands special qualities of mind and heart, very careful preparation, and continuing readiness to renew and to adapt”

from the Second Vatican Council’s document on education, Gravissimum Educationis, which was released 50 years ago.

Last Friday, we celebrated World Teachers’ Day with a morning tea for staff. Globally this day is celebrated on 5th October but because that falls in the term break, it is celebrated later in Australia.

Teaching is the most amazing profession and we thank all staff for their ongoing dedication to our mission of educating our students in faith, hope and love.

AROUND SCHOOL

Congratulations to the 40 swimmers from Years 3 to 7 who formed the St Joseph’s School Swimming Team at the Regional carnival last Friday. The team was successful once again, competing strongly in all events and winning the shield. Well done to all who participated and performed so well on the day. Thank you to Mrs Baldwin, Miss McNamara and Ms Varney as well as parents who helped with this event.

It was lovely to see the huge number of grandparents and senior friends who came to school to celebrate with students in Foundation to Year 2 classes last Friday. Thank you for visiting!

Wheels Day on Monday was a great success and enjoyed by all participants. Last night was the Official Opening of the Year 12 Visual Arts and Creative Arts Photography Exhibition at the Walter Nicholls Gallery. Congratulations to all the students who exhibited their work.

Next week we will celebrate PE Week with lots of activity and skipping, as well as Recycling Week. On Thursday, Foundation to Year 3 students are invited to bring a clean, preloved toy to swap if they would like to ‘recycle’ one.

A small but enthusiastic team of teachers is implementing MindMatters and KidsMatter at St Joseph’s. Staff and students have been surveyed about wellbeing at school and you will soon receive information about a parent survey, which we
BUSHFIRE TRAINING FOR BUS STUDENTS
A notice will soon be sent home to all families with children who travel to school on buses from out of town, regarding a training session being run by the CFS on 24th November. This session will address emergency procedures for travel during the Bushfire Season. It will take place on the school grounds and parents are also welcome to attend to observe and ask questions. Please return the tear off slip which gives consent for your child/children to attend.

TEASPOONS OF CHANGE
Recently, students from Foundation to Year 9 enjoyed hearing form d’Arcy Lunn about how making small, ‘teaspoon-sized’ changes in our everyday decisions can help to make our world a better and more equitable place. A trained teacher who travels and works with UNICEF on a variety of projects, d’Arcy’s message was clearly conveyed to even the youngest students. Our responsibility to care for ourselves and others and to contribute to the common good is an ongoing theme in many of our wellbeing initiatives this year and d’Arcy’s presentation reinforced this. Click on these links for more information: Teaspoons of Change: http://teaspoonsofchange.wordpress.com/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/teaspoonsofchange
Twitter: https://twitter.com/Tspoonsofchange

Christmas Evening - Can You Please Help?

Dear Mums/Dads/Caregivers,

We all know how much the children love singing Christmas Carols and performing in front of their parents and friends, but for this to happen, we need your help.

We have the singing and performing part covered here at school, but we would love some help to organise the rest of the event i.e: organising the food, cooking the BBQ, setting up and pack away etc. If you could please spare some time beforehand or on the night doing various jobs, it would make everyone’s lives much easier at this very busy time of the year.

If you would love to be involved in some way, please contact Cate Wuttke or Maree Easton at the School on 86832400 or email catew@sjspl.catholic.edu.au or mareee@sjspl.catholic.edu.au and let us know.

We are very much looking forward to hearing from you, and we know the children will be happy too.

WELCOME PACKAGE FOR NEW FAMILIES - FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities produces a ‘Welcome Package’ for families joining a Catholic school community. There is a package for families joining a Catholic Primary school community and another for families joining a Catholic Secondary school community. You can access the Welcome Package by going to http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/ for-parents/welcome-package

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*If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please contact Val Ingerson on 86823655 at school or 86826457 at home.*
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<td>Waste Free Wednesday - pack a nude food lunch box.</td>
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